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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2008, a reply to which is due January 29, 2009 with a one-month extension of time, a petition for which is concurrently filed herewith, please consider the following to advance prosecution on the merits:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this submission.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this submission.